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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 8-251587 A - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,657,015.
2. JP 2003-37843 A - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0067979 A1.
3. JP 2002-44668 A
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6. JP 2003-244706 A
7. JP 8-84339 A - This document corresponds to European Patent 6 87 112 A2 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 6,005,623 A.
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An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the international application from which this application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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